

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-99-253 (ECR-93-3) (ECR-96-2)
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ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued January 20, 2000)

On August 23, 1999, Peoples Natural Gas Company (Peoples), Division of UtilitiCorp United Inc., filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an annual reconciliation and revised energy efficiency factors pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-35.12 (2000). On September 10, 1999, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an objection to Peoples' proposed revised energy efficiency factors. On September 22, 1999, the Board docketed the filing, scheduled a prudence review, and set a procedural schedule.

On November 4, 1999, Peoples filed initial testimony and on November 12, 1999, and December 17, 1999, Peoples filed revised testimony. On December 22, 1999, Consumer Advocate filed direct testimony. In the testimony, Consumer Advocate stated that after reviewing Peoples' filings, conducting discovery, and interviewing witnesses, it has concluded that Peoples' implementation of its energy efficiency plan has been reasonable.

The Board will suspend the procedural schedule. The hearing that is scheduled on January 27, 2000, will not be held on that date. The accounting procedures and adjustments Peoples filed in its initial testimony and subsequent revisions were unclear. Therefore, the Board will direct its staff to meet with representatives of Peoples and Consumer Advocate to discuss the accounting procedures and Peoples' energy efficiency programs. The procedural schedule will remain suspended until further notification from the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The procedural schedule set on September 22, 1999, is suspended.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of January, 2000.